AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims have been presented whether or not an amendment has been made. The claims have been amended as follows:

1.   **(Currently Amended)**   A method for presenting a status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

determining a value of a property associated with ~~an~~ **a particular** object;

~~determining a status indicator associated with the property;~~

generating a status indicator representing the **determined value** ~~property associated with the object~~; and

displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object~~.

2.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator has a translucent quality.

3.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator has a reflective quality.

4.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator is depicted as a bar.

5.   **(Currently Amended)**   The method of claim 4, wherein at least one dimension of the bar represents the **determined** value ~~of the property~~.

6.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator is depicted as a quantitative indicator.

     7.   **(Original)**   The method of claim 6, wherein the quantitative indicator is a gauge.

8.   **(Currently Amended)**   A method for presenting a user selected status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

receiving a request to select a property of ~~an~~ **a particular** object for display;

displaying at least one property ~~which may be displayed for~~ **associated with** the **particular** object;

receiving a selection of a property;

determining ~~the~~ **a** value of the selected property ~~for the object~~;

generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object~~.

9.   **(Currently Amended)**   The method of claim 8, wherein ~~the step of~~ generating **a status indicator comprises** ~~includes~~ automatically determining ~~the~~ **a** form of the status indicator.

10.   **(Currently Amended)**   The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving a selection from ~~the~~ **a** user determining ~~the~~ **a** form of the status indicator.

11.   **(Currently Amended)**   The method of claim 8, wherein ~~the form of~~ the status indicator is a bar graph.

12. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for presenting a status of an object in a ~~three dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

~~a processor;~~

a graphical user interface operative to display a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

~~a memory connected to said processor storing a program to control the operation of said processor;~~

and

the **a** processor operative ~~with the program in the memory~~ to:

determine a value of a property associated with ~~an~~ **a particular** object; **and**

~~determine a status indicator associated with the property;~~

generate a status indicator representing the **determined value, wherein the status indicator is displayed.** ~~property associated with the object; and~~

~~display the status indicator relative to the object.~~

13.   **(Currently Amended)**   An apparatus for presenting a user selected status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

~~a processor;~~

a graphical user interface operative to display a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

~~a memory connected to said processor storing a program to control the operation of said processor;~~

and

~~the~~ **a** processor operative ~~with the program in the memory~~ to:

receive a request to select a property of ~~an~~ **a particular** object for display;

display at least one property ~~which may be displayed for~~ **associated with** the **particular** object;

receive a selection of a property;

determine ~~the~~ **a** value of the selected property ~~for the object~~; **and**

generate a status indicator based on the value of the selected property**, wherein the status indicator is displayed.** ~~; and~~

~~display the status indicator relative to the object.~~

14.   **(Currently Amended)**   An apparatus for presenting a status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

means for determining a value of a property associated with ~~an~~ **a particular** object;

~~means for determining a status indicator associated with the property;~~

means for generating a status indicator representing the **determined value** ~~property associated with the object~~; and

means for displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object~~.

15. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for presenting a user selected status of an object in a ~~three dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

means for receiving a request to select a property of ~~an~~ **a particular** object for display;

means for displaying at least one property ~~which may be displayed for~~ **associated with** the **particular** object;

means for receiving a selection of a property;

means for determining ~~the~~ **a** value of the selected property ~~for the object~~;

means for generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

means for displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object~~.

16.   **(Currently Amended)**   A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for presenting a status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, the processing instructions ~~for directing~~ **operable when executed to direct** a computer to perform the steps of:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

determining a value of a property associated with ~~an~~ **a particular** object;

~~determining a status indicator associated with the property;~~

generating a status indicator representing the **determined value** ~~property associated with the object~~; and

displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object~~.

17.   **(Currently Amended)**   A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for presenting a user selected status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, the processing instructions ~~for directing~~ **operable when executed to direct** a computer to perform the steps of:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

receiving a request to select a property of ~~an~~ **a particular** object for display;

displaying at least one property ~~which may be displayed for~~ **associated with** the **particular** object;

receiving a election of a property;

determining ~~the~~ **a** value of the selected property ~~for the object~~;

generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object~~.

18.   **(New)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

displaying lines between the icons, the lines representing network links;

determining a status associated with a particular network link; and

modifying the displayed line associated with the particular network link, the modification based at least in part on the determined status.

19.   **(New)** The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein:

the graphical user interface is further operative to display lines between the icons, the lines representing network links; and

the processor is further operative to:

determine a status associated with a particular network link; and

modify the displayed line associated with the particular network link, the modification based at least in part on the determined status.